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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James A. Malay of Lake Bloomington, who passed away on January 24, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, James Malay was born in Moline on November 26, 1937 to Paul Joseph and Mary (nee Gorman) Malay; he graduated from Dixon High School in 1955 and from St. Ambrose College in 1959, with a degree in political science; he served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1960 and for 4 years in the Army Reserve; he married Elaine Fitzgerald on August 20, 1960; and

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WHEREAS, James Malay joined State Farm in 1960 and rose to the position of Vice-President Life Policyholder Services; in 1980, he transferred to Service and Systems and assumed the role of Vice-President Services for Auto, Fire, Life & Health; and

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WHEREAS, James Malay was an active member of his community; he was a longtime CCHS Booster Club member and a 40-year YMCA member, including 5 years on its board as Financial Committee Chairman; he was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's of Lexington and Bro-Men Hospital; he served for 6 years for the OSF-St. Joseph's Hospital Community Board, 3 years as

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1 President; he and his wife were Crystal Ball Honorees in 1985  
2 for their outstanding contributions to OSF-St. Joseph's  
3 Hospital; and

4 WHEREAS, James Malay was a longtime member of the  
5 University Club of Chicago; he studied in the Illinois State  
6 University Master's Program and took part in the Great Books  
7 program; he was a member of the Lake Bloomington Monday Night  
8 Poker Club for 30 years; he was a loyal alum of St. Ambrose  
9 University and proud that his oldest daughter, Susan, graduated  
10 from there as well; he was on the St. Ambrose Executive Council  
11 for 10 years and National Chairman of its President's Club for  
12 3 years; in 2001, he was honored with the Distinguished Alumni  
13 Award, and, in 2008, he received the McMullen Award for his  
14 support and contributions; he was Secretary of the Lake  
15 Bloomington Long-Range Planning Committee and a charter member  
16 of the Thursday Night Run Club; he also co-founded the 10K Lake  
17 Run, which continues to be popular 30 years later; and

18 WHEREAS, James Malay passionately cared about Timber  
19 Pointe Camp, a summer camp at Lake Bloomington for Easter Seals  
20 campers; he served as President of the Timber Pointe Charitable  
21 Foundation for 15 years and also served as Commodore of the  
22 Timber Pointe Yacht Club; for 20 years, every Wednesday evening  
23 during the summer, he commandeered a dozen to 2 dozen captains  
24 and boats, picked up the campers and led them on a magical boat

1 ride around the lake; he also oversaw significant capital  
2 improvements to the camp, including the Woods Arts Center and  
3 The Lodge, a beautiful facility overlooking the lake; under his  
4 stewardship, the camp went from accommodating 300 children  
5 every summer to over 1,500; for his work with the camp, he was  
6 named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1982, James Malay began taking trips to Ireland  
8 to explore his roots and visit relatives; he obtained his Irish  
9 citizenship and passport and returned to Ireland 14 times; he  
10 also enjoyed traveling to numerous other places around the  
11 world with his family; and

12 WHEREAS, James Malay was preceded in death by his parents;  
13 his sister, Rosemary Malay Robinson; and his brother, John  
14 Malay; and

15 WHEREAS, James Malay is survived by his wife, Elaine; his  
16 daughters, Susan McNary, Julie Friedmann, and Karen Compton and  
17 son, Jim Malay; his sons-in-law, Bill McNary, Ed Friedmann, and  
18 Spencer Compton; his daughter-in-law, Alicia Malay; and his  
19 grandchildren, Molly, Kathleen, Maggie, Ryan, Ellie, Nora,  
20 Meghan, Nell, Liam, and Sarah; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 James A. Malay, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of James Malay as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.